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# Women of St. Joseph

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## President's Message

*Dear Women of St Joseph,*

*Our Christmas Tea was so delightful! The tea party members donated over \$500 to Stan Peter's Homeless Meals Ministry. Thank you all for your generosity. My special thanks to Lauri Kaerfer for her hospitality, to the "Tea Team" members: Irene Andersen, Lauri Kaerfer, Judy Huckabay and Adrienne Stephens for the job well done, and to all of our members who contributed goodies to our Christmas Tea. May God reward all of you as only He can.*

*For the New Year's resolution, may each of us take to heart the words of Saint Paul in Philippians 2:3-4: "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for your own interests, but also for the interests of others."*

*As we enter into 2018, may we always imitate our Mother Mary to say "yes" to God's will and to please Him in whatever we do and say.*

*Have a blessed and a happy New Year!*

*Sincerely,*



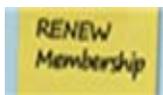
*Kim Nguyen*

WOSJ President

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!**



<b>Jan 12, 2018</b> <i>Friday</i>	<b>SENIORS LUNCHEON</b> <i>Mass at 11:00 am.</i> <i>Reception immediately following after Mass at the Church's hall</i>
<b>Jan 16<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Tuesday</i>	<b>Board Meeting</b> <i>6:00 pm – 7:00 pm</i> <b>Bocce</b> <i>7:00 pm</i> <i>Will be held at Campo Di Bocce of Fremont at 7:00 pm</i> <i>4020 Technology Pl, Fremont, CA 94538</i>



### **Membership Notes**

**Time to Pay Your Dues for the WOSJ Year: June 2017 - May 2018**

Dues are \$20. Please bring your dues payment to our next meeting or send it to Nancy Dorigi, Membership Chair at 44142 Boitano Dr., Fremont, CA 94539.



### **Helping Hands**

Do not let a transportation problem stop you from attending our meetings or events. If you need a ride, please call Madelyn Rudy at 510-683-3816 or 510-304-1938.



### **Women of St. Joseph Polo Shirts**

WOSJ POLO SHIRTS are a symbol of unity and provide visibility for our organization when participating as a group in service or other gatherings. It is \$20 and will be available in sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, and 3XL. Contact Nancy Dorigi at 510-657-7543 or email at [ndorigi@comcast.net](mailto:ndorigi@comcast.net)



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is in dire need of prayer shawls or lap blankets. If anyone can donate one, it would be greatly appreciated.

For those of you who are not familiar with this ministry, we knit or crochet or quilt a shawl, for women, or a lap blanket, for men and women. While we are making them, we pray for healing for the people they are intended. Then, when complete, I take them to a Priest and ask that the Priest prays for the intended person and bless the blanket.

If you have one completed, or are in the process of making one and would like to donate it, please contact Sherry Dunn at 510-471-6224 or email at [solodmom@aol.com](mailto:solodmom@aol.com). We currently do not have any shawls or lap blankets in our possession.



## Pocket Prayer Squares

Recently, our very own Spirituality Chairperson, Peggy Mosko, shared with us something she brought back from one of the churches she visited during her many travels. She asked Sherry Dunn, Prayer Shawl Chairperson, to make these for her ministry. They are called: "Pocket Prayer Squares." Sherry Dunn, Sara Rozanno, and Carol Lee Chan have been working on these and have finished quite a few of them.

Like the Prayer Shawls, these are prayed over by the person making them and then blessed by a Priest. They can be placed in your pocket and, when you are in need of comfort, just reach into your pocket and rub the square.

We would like to accumulate a large amount to put in a basket at the back of the church for church members to take if they need comfort. If you can help make these squares, please contact Sherry Dunn at 510-471-6224 or email at [solodmom@aol.com](mailto:solodmom@aol.com).



### Senior Lunch

## Seniors Luncheon Friday, Jan 12, 2018 11:00 am

Our annual senior holiday celebration will be held on Friday, January 12, 2018. The festivities will commence with Mass at 11am followed by luncheon and entertainment. We will be joined by the Gracious Ladies of Hula who will interpret familiar carols and Hawaiian melodies in gesture and dance. Reservations are required for this event. Please RSVP to Helen Campbell at 510-795-7985 by Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Campo Di Bocce Tuesday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

Continue the *2018 New Year Celebration* on January 16, 2018 at our Activity Meeting at Campo Di Bocce of Fremont. Join fellow members as they learn the art of *Bocce*, the Italian bowling game first played in the Roman Empire!

The cost of the event is \$12.50 per person, food is extra. Come early to enjoy a delicious Italian dish or appetizer, play Bocce or cheer on your favorite team! No outside food or drinks are allowed.

Play starts at 7:00pm. Reservations are under Adrienne Stephens and The Women of St Joseph. Dress Code: Low heeled or flat shoes, and your Women of St. Joseph polo shirt!

Court reservations will be made when the final count comes in. *RSVP to Adrienne Stephens by January 9<sup>th</sup>* by email at [ecoaes@comcast.net](mailto:ecoaes@comcast.net) or phone at 510-651-8672.

## How It Went

### Christmas Tea

Twenty-eight ladies attended the high tea hosted by Lauri Kaefer. The tables were decorated "to the tea" by Tea Team members Irene Andersen, Lauri Kaefer, Judy Huckabay and Adrienne Stephens. The menu included a variety of tea sandwiches and sweet treats and was rounded out with Devonshire cream, lemon curd and apricot jam, all made by our members. Early Grey tea was served a plenty of teapots graciously loaned from those attending the tea. It was a lovely event for seasoned and new Women of St Joseph members to get to know each other. All left the tea with the memory of a wonderful tea party along with a hostess gift of a clothespin angel Christmas ornament. Many thanks to all of our members who contributed to the success of the tea: Irene Andersen, Marian Carey, Nancy Dorighi, Liz Hormel, Judy Huckabay, Lauri Kaefer, Martha Magana, Joan Rendon, Adrienne Stephens and Bea Taus.

In addition, over \$500 was donated to Stan Peter's Homeless Meals Ministry. Many thanks for the generosity of the Women of St Joseph.





### A follow up with Dorothy Day by Adrienne Stephens

I recently received the Christmas newsletter from Casa de Clara, Catholic Worker House in San Jose. Julian Washio-Collette, a resident volunteer, was the speaker at our October meeting on Dorothy Day. Julian and his wife Lisa have lived, prayed and served the Catholic Worker for almost three years. This February they will move to the Camaldolese Benedictine monastery in Big Sur.

Julian wrote: "At New Camaldoli, we will be steeped in the rhythm of monastic prayer, solitude, and the dramatic beauty of the coastal wilderness landscape. Through our deepening focus on contemplative prayer, we see ourselves as entering intimately into the human cry for salvation from all forms of sin, suffering, and injustice. In this sense, despite the obvious contrasts, we see ourselves in continuing solidarity with the work of Casa de Clara, as members of one body, participating in God's reign even now, as we wait, watch, and hope for fulfillment for all beings. "

Julian words remind me that I too am part of the one body in Christ. I ask the Women of St Joseph for their prayers to help Julian and Lisa's transition to their new journey. Casa de Clara is now in need of full time live in volunteers as well as others who can make commitments to help with their various ministries.

For more information: Casa de Clara Catholic Worker; 408-297-8330; [casadeclara@sjcw.org](mailto:casadeclara@sjcw.org)

Anyone interested in learning more about how The Catholic Worker got its start should read *Dorothy Day The World Will be Saved by Beauty* penned by Kate Hennessy, Dorothy Day's granddaughter. The author covers intimately the journey of Dorothy, who took stock in the great beauty of the world, founding a Christian movement committed to working for justice, poverty, and helping the needy. This legacy is found today in all Catholic Worker homes.



*Happy Birthday to those born  
in January*

Gina Aviles	Jan 2	Jo Ann Miller	Jan 20
Kathy Bray	Jan 6	Linda Chow	Jan 21
Nancy Newman	Jan 6	Carolee Chan	Jan 22
Lumin Wearne	Jan 6	Barbara De Muri	Jan 27
Vivian Mason	Jan 13	Sara Rozzano	Jan 31
Aimee Hubacek	Jan 18		

# Spiritual Corner



*O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our [prayers](#) on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole [Catholic](#) Church; convert [heretics](#) and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year [will](#) be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our [prayers](#) and works, having been begun in Thee, likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.*

*Peggy Mosko  
Spiritual Chairperson*